

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 22, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 143, HB 274, HB 273
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 143

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:02 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 143, Transfer quarterly report requirement for motor vehicle wrecking facility.

[EXHIBIT \(trh14a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:17 Ed Thamke, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:04:47 Brenda Nordlund, Attorney General

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:10 Rep. Reinhart

HEARING ON HB 273

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:24 Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 273, Revise motor vehicle registration laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:45 Bruce Spencer

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:10:54 Brenda Nordlund, Attorney General

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:26 Rep. Hilbert

00:12:36 Ms. Nordlund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:18 Rep. Mendenhall

HEARING ON HB 274

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:47 Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 274, Allow certain recreational vehicles to have personalized veteran's license plate.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:54 Colonel Jim Jacobson

00:20:43 Brenda Nordlund, Attorney General

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:26 Rep. Hilbert

00:21:34 Rep. Mendenhall

00:22:35 Ms. Nordlund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:04 Rep. Mendenhall

ADJOURNMENT

00:26:44 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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